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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CORCORAN
GALLERY OF ART HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE UNION TRUST
COMPANY, FIFTEENTH AND H STREETS, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

AT 10:30 A. M. MONDAY, MAY 27, 1968

Mr. Hamilton, the President, called the meeting to order and advised that in the absence of the Secretary, he would like to appoint Mr. Thom Secretary of the meeting. There being no objection, Mr. Thom assumed the role.

Present at the meeting were the following Trustees: Mrs. Chase, Messrs. Bradley, Finley, Glover, Hamilton, Kreeger and Thom. The Chair advised that Mr. Gray was absent due to a slight indisposition.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Trustees held at the Gallery on April 29, 1968 were approved as mailed to the Trustees.

The President referred to the notice of the Special Meeting which had been duly given at the April 29, 1968 meeting, the stated purpose being to act on the amendments to the By-Laws which had been submitted at the regular meeting by draft dated April 25, 1968. However, before the discussion of the By-Laws, the President asked the unanimous consent of those present to consider the election of a Trustee to fill the existing vacancy. This consent was given by all the members present. Mr. Aldus Higgins Chapin was duly nominated for the vacancy and was unanimously elected. Mr. Chapin then joined the meeting.

Mr. Hamilton then discussed the draft of April 25, 1968 of the new By-Laws paragraph by paragraph, and by action unanimously taken by the Trustees present, certain changes and amendments were made. Upon motion duly seconded, the new By-Laws were adopted by unanimous vote in final form and all prior By-Laws were rescinded. A copy of the By-Laws as adopted is attached to the minutes of this meeting and forms a permanent part of them.

Unanimous consent was then given to the President to discuss certain personnel matters pertaining to the staff of the Gallery, and by unanimous vote, the following action was taken:

1. Mr. Aldus H. Chapin was elected Executive Vice President of the Trustees as of September 1, 1968.
2. Dr. Hermann Warner Williams, Jr. was elected to the honorary position of Director Emeritus as of September 1, 1968, said appointment to terminate at the annual meeting in January, 1969 at which time the Trustees would again consider Dr. Williams' status as it referred to his connection with the Gallery, and Dr. Williams' salary to continue at the present rate until the 1969 annual meeting.

In appreciation of Dr. Williams' services to the Gallery and

in recognition of his leadership and guidance of the Gallery's affairs for the past twenty-one years, the Trustees awarded Dr. Williams the William Wilson Corcoran medal. This medal is to be struck and presented at a suitable occasion in the early fall of 1968.

The letter from Dr. Williams of May 7, 1968 addressed to Mr. Hamilton, and a draft of a proposed answer, were discussed and certain changes suggested. The President was directed to re-write the letter with the suggested changes and send it to Dr. Williams.

3. Mr. James Harithas was appointed Director of the Gallery as of September 1, 1968.
4. A discussion ensued concerning the necessity of employing a Director of Development and the necessity of obtaining his employment well in advance of the membership campaign. Upon motion, the Trustees unanimously authorized the President to appoint a qualified person to this position and to establish with him terms of employment. The President stated that, of course, before doing so, he would consult with the Executive Vice President and the Treasurer.

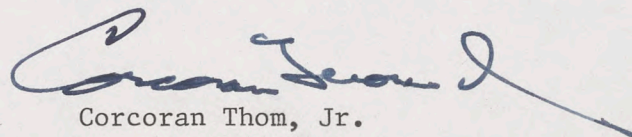
The President called to the Trustees' attention that Dr. Williams should be relieved of his duties as Secretary of the Trustees, and upon motion duly seconded, Mr. Corcoran Thom, Jr. was elected Secretary.

The Treasurer, Mr. Thom, stated that there should be some adjustments made at this time in the salaries of present personnel of the Gallery and that Mr. Chapin's salary should be fixed. Mr. Chapin left the room, and upon unanimous vote, the following actions were taken:

Annual salary as of September 1, 1968 was established for the Executive Vice President and adjusted annual salaries for the Assistant Director, the Dean of the Art School and the Assistant Treasurer were established as of June 1, 1968.

The President stated that it was his intention to notify the press of today's action of the Trustees and that he would hold a press conference at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 28, 1968 in order to advise them of the changes in the organization.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.


Corcoran Thom, Jr.
Secretary